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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method for suppressing appetite in a mature human patient in need of such treatment comprising administering to the patient a composition comprising an appetite-suppressing effective amount of a growth hormone by injection, wherein the composition is free of other appetite suppressing agents, satiety-inducing agents, and anti-diabetic agents.
2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein growth hormone is human growth hormone.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the composition is administered to the patient by subcutaneous injection.
4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the patient is on a low fat diet.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to initially administering the growth hormone to the patient, the patient is obese.
6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the patient suffers from atherosclerosis, hypertension, Type II diabetes, dyslipidemia, coronary heart disease, or osteoarthritis.
7. cancelled

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8. (previously presented) A method for treating impaired appetite regulation in a mature mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering to the mammal a composition comprising an effective amount of a growth hormone, wherein the composition is free of other appetite suppressing agents, satiety-inducing agents, and anti-diabetic agents and the mammal suffers from a condition selected from obesity, bulimia, Type II diabetes, atherosclerosis, hypertension, dyslipidemia, coronary heart disease, and osteoarthritis.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the growth hormone is human growth hormone.

10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the mammal is on a low fat diet.

11. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein prior to initially administering the growth hormone to the mammal the mammal is obese.

12-13. cancelled

14. (previously presented) A method for suppressing appetite in a mature mammal in need of such treatment comprising administering to the mammal a composition comprising an appetite-suppressing effective amount of a growth hormone, wherein the composition is free of other appetite suppressing agents, satiety-inducing agents, and anti-diabetic agents.

15-18. cancelled

19. (new) The method of claim 8, wherein the mammal is a human.

20. (new) The method of claim 14, wherein the mammal is a human.